Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 11, line 12 with the following rewritten paragraph:

When, on the other hand, the judgment is made in the step S5 that the face information obtained by the biometric identity information obtaining means 11 is the same as the face information stored by the biometric identity information storing means 12, the judgment is then made in the step S7 on whether or not the seat position information registering means 24 in the registration mode. When the judgment is made that the seat position information registering means 24 is in the registration mode, the current position of the driver's seat 21 with respect to the automotive vehicle is registered as the first seat position information by the seat position information registering means 24, as shown in step S8. From the above detail description, it will be understood that the first seat position information registered by the seat position information registering means 24 can represent a position at which the image indicative of the face of the person sitting on the driver's seat 21 is capable of being optimally taken by the imaging means 10. This leads to the fact that the biometric identity verification apparatus 1 can perform at a relatively high accuracy the verification of the face information obtained from the image taken at the first seat position.

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 12, line 17 with the following rewritten paragraph:

When, on the other hand, the judgment is made in the step S12 that the iris pattern information obtained by the biometric identity information obtaining means 11 is the same as the iris pattern information stored by the biometric identity information storing means 12, the judgment is made in the step S14 on whether or not the seat position information registering means 24 is in the registration mode. ~~time period elapsing between the current time and the time when the image indicative of one or two irises of the person sitting on the driver's seat 21 is taken by the second camera unit 17 exceeds the predetermined threshold value.~~ When the judgment is made in the step S14 that the seat position information registering means 24 is in the registration mode, the current position of the driver's seat 21 with respect to the automotive vehicle is registered as the second seat position information by the seat position information registering means 24, as shown in step S15. ~~time period exceeds the predetermined threshold value, the verification of the iris pattern information is completed by the biometric identity verification apparatus 1. When, on the other hand, the time period does~~

~~not exceed the predetermined threshold value, the step S6 proceeds to the step S10. The verification of the iris pattern information is performed again by the biometric identity verification apparatus 1 through the steps S10 to S12.~~

Please replace the paragraph, beginning at page 13, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

When the second ~~first~~ seat position information is not registered in the seat position information storing means 14, the position of the driver's seat 21 may be shifted in the step S2 to a position which was occupied by the driver's seat 21 when the image indicative of the face of the person sitting on the driver's seat 21 was taken by the imaging means 10 in last use, the judgment being made by the identity information judging means 13 that the face information obtained from the image indicative of the face of the person sitting on the driver's seat 21 is the same as the face information stored by the biometric identity information storing means 12. The position of the driver's seat 21 may be shifted to a predetermined position when the image indicative of the face of the person sitting on the driver's seat 21 is taken for the first time by the imaging means 10.